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☐ 1. On 2 April 1952, sectional light bridges and pontoons were observed being constructed in the area of the engineer park on Langewahler Strasse, Fuerstenwalde. Pontoons were also repaired there constantly. Source estimated that there were 120 to 150 men stationed at the engineer park. (1)

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2. An industrial installation, referred to as Asuko, and billeting 20 to 30 soldiers was located opposite the area of the engineer park. According to German workers, boxes containing ball bearings and copper plates, which were to be cleaned, were constantly unloaded from railroad cars on the railroad spur of this area. Three 80-mm AA guns were observed in the yard of the installation. Soldiers wearing fitter's overalls worked on the breechblock of one of these guns. (2)

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3. On 3 April 1952, 4 flatbed trailers, 2 trailers loaded with pontoons, and 3 motor boats were observed in the yard of the Bahnhof, Ketschendorf, on the road to Bad Saarow. German workers were doing repair work on the motor boats, whose bows had mountings for a machine gun. Allegedly, mostly trucks, sedans and trailers were repaired there.

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☐ Source estimated that the installation was occupied by 40 to 50 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

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☐ 5. In mid-April 1952, source ascertained that a repair shop for all types of medical equipment was located in a number of workshops and sheds south of the road from Fuerstenwalde to Steinhoeft, opposite the airfield. It was said that the installation had been recently established. (5) A rocket-launcher repair shop was located in the former cable plant. Only a limited number of German civilians was still employed at the main equipment depot in the area of the former German engineer park.

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6. At about 7 p.m. on 22 April 1952, a train of 50 flatcars loaded with about 150 x 80-mm AT guns which had come from Brest Litovsk, was observed at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The guns were allegedly consigned to Fuerstenwalde. (6)
7. On 23 April 1952, about 20 flatcars loaded with light, medium and heavy AT guns, two flatcars loaded with limbers and two boxcars with guards were observed at the Fuerstenwalde freight station. "either loading nor unloading activities were observed. (6)

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Comments.

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- (1) The engineer park, which is controlled by the GOFG, is located in the woods east of the Ketschendorf railroad station. It is believed that source underestimated the number of the men stationed there. The total force of the installation including the Bauhof and Berkenbrueck, both located in the Fuerstenwalde area is believed to be approximately one battalion. 25X1A

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- (2) According to railway-traffic reports, the park is involved in heavy supply traffic.

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- (3) The ordnance repair shop is subordinate to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and is 25X1A
- (4) Bauhof Ketschendorf is a branch depot of the Ketschendorf engineer park of the GOFG. The motor vehicles belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

- (5) A tank repair shop of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, is located at the "asse pump factory. A previous report stated that this installation was occupied by 200 to 300 men. The motor vehicles belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and the GOFG.

- (6) This medical equipment depot was mentioned by previous reports. It is subordinate to the GOFG and located on the perimeter of the airfield in the Fuerstenwalde-Waldfrieden area. 25X1 25X1A

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